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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2002 OF 2025**

Seema Anil Khopade

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Kuldeep Patil a/w. Mr. Sainath S. Garade, Ms. Shruti Pokale, Mr. Anay Joshi, Mr. Sumit Nimbalkar and Mr. Yogesh Sukale i/b. Mr. Aadesh Konde -Deshmukh, Advocates for the Applicant.

Mr. M.G.Patil, APP for the Respondent-State.

PSI - S.R.Vichare, Tilaknagar Police Station present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 19th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R.No. 7 of 2022 registered with Tilak Nagar Police Station, District Thane, for the offence punishable under Section 302 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC").

2. It is prosecution's case that on 17.01.2022, the applicant murdered the sister of first informant and robbed her gold ornaments.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that prosecution's case is based on circumstantial evidence. The applicant has been roped in the present crime only on the basis of her presence in the

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CCTV footage. The applicant is behind bars for more than four years. Except for framing charge, there is no progress in trial. The Applicant is lady. She has no antecedents and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant was seen entering in the house of the deceased. The gold ornaments of the deceased are recovered at the instance of applicant. It shows her involvement in the crime. If she released on bail, she may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses. Hence requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel. Perused chargesheet and documents produced on record. The prosecution's case is based on circumstantial evidence. The Applicant is behind bars for more than four years. There is no progress in the trial. The applicant is lady. She has no antecedents. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R.No. 7 of 2022 registered with Tilak Nagar Police Station, District Thane, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- on furnishing one or two sureties in the like amount.
- ii. The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.

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iii. The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of. In view of disposal of Bail Application, Interim Application No. 2509 of 2025 is also disposed of.

7. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

8. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)